Other than HP category	PH category
(i) Spouse	(i) Spouse
(ii) father/Mother	(ii) Father/Mother
(iii) Brother/Brother's wife (Not applicable for women applicants)	(iii) Son/Daughter-in-Law
(iv) Son/daughter-in-law	

(IV) Income ceiling for eligibility has been raised from Rs. 50,000/-per annum to Rs. 2 lacs per annum.

(V) Maximum age limit in the applicable categories has been raised from 50 years to 60 years.

(VI) Selection of dealers/distributors will be made by duly constituted Dealer Selection Boards comprising:

(i) A retired Judge of a High Court —Chairman
(ii) An officer not below the rank of Dy.GM of the concerned Oil Company, —Member
(iii) An officer not below the rank of Dy. GM of another Oil Company. —Member

Slippage of Major Exploration Chances

4354. SHRI AMAR SINGH: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the news item which appeared in the pioneer dated the 10th February, 1997, under the caption "India lets slip major exploration chances"; and

(b) if so, what are the details of the proposals submitted to the Ministry of Financy by the Ministry of Petroleum and Natural Gas during 1996 and how many proposals have since been cleared and the reasons for not clearing the remaining projects?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI T.R. BAALU): (a) Yes. Sir.

(b) A proposal from ONGC Videsh Ltd. (OVL) for joint exploration with Ensearch of USA was under examination in cosnultation with the Ministry of Finance and other concerned Ministries but the proposal has since been withdrawn. No other proposal from OVL was taken up with the Minister of Finance in 1996.

Money Spent on Oil Exploration During Eighth Five Year Plan

4355. SHRI SANJAY DALMIA:
HARIBHAI SHUKLA:

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) the States, including Gujarat, where any survey has been conducted under oil exploration programme during the Eighth Five Year Plan period;

(b) the total amount spent on oil exploration during the same period;